GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of rice exported by the Government to various countries during each of the last three years and the current year, till date;

(b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the export of rice during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the export of rice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) During the last three years the export of rice from India is as under:

Qty : MTs- Val : Rs lakhs

	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Basmati Rice	1162989	282390	1166564	304310	1040672	277831
Non Basmati	3615110	394502	2921602	317817	3704847	425788
Total	4778099	676892	4088166	622127	4745519	703619

(b)&(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government is persistently encouraging export of rice. Successful efforts have been made to opening of Chinese market for the Basmati Rice. Also, the ban on export of rice from India to Russia has been got lifted with signing of a protocol on 10th July, 2007.APEDA also extends financial assistance to rice exporters under its schemes. For Basmati rice, a Basmati Export Development Foundation has been created for addressing pre and post-harvest development. A dedicated DNA testing facility has also been created at CDFD, Hyderabad for DNA testing of Basmati rice samples for exports to EU.